GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:731
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UPGRADATION OF NATIONAL REGISTER OF CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for updating National Register of Citizens (NRC) on the basis of Electoral Roll published in Assam upto 1971 as base document and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are reports that prepration/updating of NRC in Assam is not being conducted through house to house enumeration;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures to remove the shortcomings in updating the NRC; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (e): Based on modalities received from the Government of Assam, the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Card) Rule 2003 were amended in November, 2009 and March, 2010 for preparation of National Register of Citizens by inviting applications from all the residents in Assam for updation of the old National Register of Citizens (NRC) 1951 in Assam based on relevant records. In order to undertake updating of NRC in all districts of Assam, Pilot Projects for updating of NRC in two blocks (one each in Kamrup and Barpeta districts) were started in June, 2010. Subsequently, Pilot Projects were stopped due to law and order problems. In July 2011, the Government of Assam had set up a Cabinet Sub-Committee to simplify the procedure for updating of NRC in Assam. The Government of Assam had submitted revised modalities for updation of National Register of Citizens 1951 (NRC) on 5th July, 2013. The revised modalities submitted by the State Government were examined by the Registrar General of India and approved by the competent authority for updation of NRC work. NRC 1951 will be updated by including the names of persons from the electoral rolls upto the midnight of 24th March, 1971 and their descendants. A Gazette Notification has already been issued for updating NRC 1951 in whole of Assam with effect from December 2013. As on date, a total amount of Rs.140.58 crore has been released to the Government of Assam for this purpose. The updation of NRC work has been targeted to be completed within three years.